

# NJ GEAR UP Information Request

Please complete this card and give it to  
your school guidance counselor or  
GEAR UP staff member.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/  
Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Send me information about the NJ GEAR UP  
programs at (check all that apply):

- ☐ Rowan University (Camden)
- ☐ New Jersey City University (Jersey City)
- ☐ The Consortium for Pre-College Education  
in Greater Newark (NJIT, Rutgers-Newark,  
UMDNJ)
- ☐ Mercer County Community College (Trenton)
- ☐ Passaic County Community College (Paterson)

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## What is NJ GEAR UP?

NJ GEAR UP provides academic support and college preparation activities to middle school and high school students. The program guides students on the path to higher education and provides tools for academic success. With a college education, students gain career options, knowledge, and skills that will last a lifetime.

## Who is eligible?

To be eligible, students must:

- Attend a target school (see list on back) *and*
- Be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

And, of course, students must show motivation to prepare for college.



## NJ GEAR UP Target Schools

### CAMDEN

Cooper's Poynt Professional Development School  
East Camden Middle School  
R.T. Cream Elementary School  
Brimm Medical Arts High School  
Camden High School  
Creative and Performing Arts High School  
Woodrow Wilson High School

C.H.A.M.P./GEAR UP Rowan University (856) 756-5420  
<http://www.rowan.edu/camden/champ>

### JERSEY CITY

Ollie E. Culbreth, Jr. No. 14 ES  
Ezra L. Nolan No. 40 ES  
Fred W. Martin No. 41 ES  
James F. Murray No. 38 ES

College Bound/GEAR UP New Jersey City University (201) 200-2347  
<http://www.njcu.edu/programs/collegebound/home.htm>

### NEWARK

Hawkins Elementary School  
Ridge Street Elementary School  
William H. Brown Academy  
Barringer High School  
East Side High School

The Consortium for Pre-College Education in Greater Newark/GEAR UP  
New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Medicine & Dentistry of  
New Jersey, and Rutgers, The State University of NJ-Newark  
(973) 596-5762  
<http://www.njit.edu/v2/PCOLC>

### PATERSON

PS #2  
PS #6  
PS #10  
Eastside High School  
J.F. Kennedy High School

SMT College Bound/GEAR UP Passaic County Community College  
(973) 684-5294  
<http://www.pccc.cc.nj.us/smt/>

### TRENTON

Grace A. Dunn Middle School  
Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School  
Joyce Kilmer Elementary School  
Luis Munoz-Rivera Elementary School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School  
Trenton Central High School

Project S.M.I.L.E./GEAR UP Mercer County Community College  
(609) 570-3152  
[http://www.mccc.edu/community\\_youth\\_jkc\\_gearup.shtml](http://www.mccc.edu/community_youth_jkc_gearup.shtml)

Helping Students  
in Grades 6-12  
Prepare for College



## NJ GEAR UP

[www.nj.gov/highereducation/gearup.htm](http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/gearup.htm)

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of New Jersey.

## How does NJ GEAR UP help students?

When students join NJ GEAR UP, they begin preparing themselves for college success. Program staff, tutors, teachers, counselors, and mentors assist them with schoolwork, college applications, standardized tests, and personal concerns. College tours, field trips, and summer programs add fun to the learning experiences. Students gain the skills they need to succeed in school and receive academic support at the college level as well.

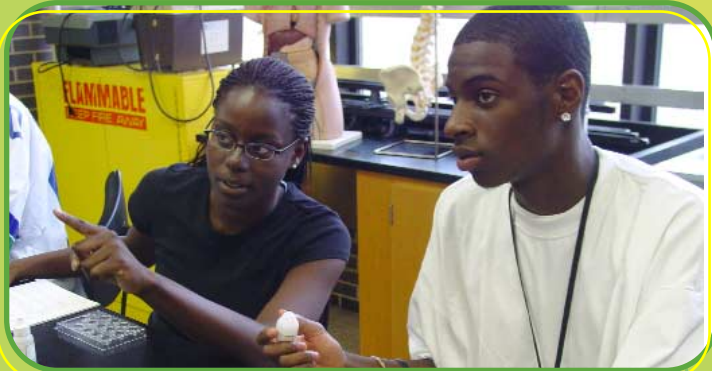
## What does the program offer?

Services offered by NJ GEAR UP include:

- Summer program on a college campus
- Saturday classes
- Tutoring after school
- College visits and tours
- Assistance with college applications
- Financial aid information workshops
- Mentoring
- Academic and personal counseling

- GEPA, HSPA, PSAT and SAT prep classes
- Cultural and educational field trips
- Professional development workshops for teachers
- College scholarships\*

\* Scholarships are available for students who participate in the program in the 7th grade, complete it, graduate from high school, and enroll in a New Jersey college or university. Contingent upon federal funding.



## How can I join?

Complete the card in this brochure and give it to your school guidance counselor. A staff member from the GEAR UP campus near you will contact you with an application and other information.

## Is the program free? Yes.

There is no cost to enroll in NJ GEAR UP or to attend activities. Students are required to complete an application, attend an interview accompanied by their parents, sign a participation contract, and share their grades and test scores with the program.

## How do parents get involved?

Parents attend workshops on topics such as "Dealing with Stress" and "Learning Styles." Volunteer opportunities are also available. Parents can meet regularly with program staff about their child's personal education plan and attend local and statewide conferences about educational issues that may affect their children.